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HEADQUARTERS REPORT

The year 1975 was a banner year for QCWA. We took in 971 new members during the fiscal year and reinstated 36 members for an increase of 1,007 members. There were, of course, a total of 293 Silent Keys and lost members. But we ended up with a net increase of 714 members.

Financially, it was touch and go, and we ended the year with a loss of \$226. There were some rather heavy operating expenses associated with the relocation of the Headquarters office so we are hoping to break even next year - in spite of the increase in mailing costs and other inflation. When you consider that most local chapters charge \$3.00 or \$4.00 a year dues, we think we are doing pretty well to run a National organization of over 7300 active members on \$3.33 per year.

NEW CHAPTERS

We have added six new chapters to the Association since the last report. A hearty welcome to the following:

- #87 Northern Virginia Chapter (Washington, D.C. area)
- #88 Northern Lights Chapter (Alaska)
- #89 Rio Grande Valley Chapter (South Texas)
- #90 Road Runner Chapter (Albuquerque, N.M.)
- #91 Eastern New York Chapter (Schenectady)
- #92 Gateway Chapter (Jacksonville, Florida)

CALL SIGN YEARBOOK

The Call-sign Yearbook is at the printers and should be mailed within the next few days. This issue is our first "break through" on getting the QCWA records onto a computer. The computer offers many advantages in speed and flexibility but it does present some limitations on space. Names and addresses must be adjusted to fit into the available fields. Inevitably there are some errors introduced when you first go to computer. So please bear with us. We have tried awfully hard to make this book as complete and accurate as possible.

Let us know of any errors, or changes that should be made. Once we get the "bugs" out of the program we should have a good and very useful system.

RESTRUCTURING

There has been much correspondence regarding "Restructuring" of the QCWA Constitution and By-laws. Unfortunately, each one seems to have a different idea or variation. So far the Committee has not come up with its proposal. Committee member Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF, has asked that the following questionnaire be published in order that he may have the guidance of the membership. This is NOT a vote but simply a request for expressions of opinion to guide the Committee members.

1. Do you favor retaining the present Director system?
 2. Do you favor increasing the present number of Directors?
 - a. Do you favor election of a Director from each U.S. call district?
 - b. Do you favor election of a Vice-Director who will be authorized to vote in the absence of the Director?
 - c. Do you favor other systems of representation?
- What do you suggest?

Send your comments to Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF
28 Warren Place; Glen Rock, NJ 07452

DUES

We have had a couple of questions raised about pro-rating of dues. QCWA operates on a calendar year basis and there is no pro-rating. Perhaps we should make this more clear to new members. If they come in late in the year, they get "short changed." Of course, applications which are received in the last few weeks of the year are credited with the next year's dues.

Dues notices are stamped on the cover of the Newsletter in September and December. If payment is not received by February, a post card notice is sent. We got about a 30% response on

QCWA Nets

If you aren't checking into the QCWA International Nets, you are missing a lot of fine fellowship.

A very fine SSB net is conducted every Sunday at 2100 UTC on 14,345 kHz. W6FQ is Western Net Control, W2SF is Eastern NCS. W2AIN serves as Alternate. The net usually runs about two hours and they have been having around 50 check-ins.

The CW net operates on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. Eastern time on 7035 kHz. At 9:00 p.m. it shifts to 3750 kHz. W2JBL is NCS with W9CV and W9RC acting as Alternates.

A hearty vote of thanks is due the dedicated NCS stations who have been devoting much time and effort to these nets for a number of years. We would like to see more members taking part.

SSB	Sundays	2100 UTC - 14,345 kHz
CW	Wednesdays	8:00 p.m. Eastern - 7035 kHz
		9:00 p.m. Eastern - 3750 kHz

CALL BOOKS

A most sincere thanks to members who have sent call books for our QCWA library. We are most grateful.

Once again, Scotty, W6KTS, has come through with an outstanding contribution. He provided us with a Xerox copy of his 1924 call book and, also, a number of other valuable additions. Don Rinaldi, W6BVM, came through with a 1925 edition, so we now have at least one book for every year.

Thanks to the following who have made donations of books.

D.W. Morris, W2BVN	John Kendrick, WA5TZB
Guy Blencoe, W4HVV	W. R. Joos, W6EKM
Les Sterling, W7GBL	Dale Henry, W3UHV
Francis Walton, W9ACU	

The following U.S. call books are on our priority list to complete our library. 1935 - Spring, Fall, Winter. 1936 - Spring, Summer, Fall. 1937 - Spring, Fall, Winter 1938 - Spring, Summer, Winter. 1939 - Fall only 1940 - Spring, Summer, Fall. 1941 - Spring, Fall, Winter.

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QCWA CONVENTION COORDINATION

QCWA Conventions are being scheduled for every year up through 1981. In addition to these conventions, there are many other activities which will feature QCWA programs. It is becoming a full time job to keep up with them.

In order to provide some coordination and guidance and offer better service to the sponsoring chapters, QCWA Headquarters has appointed a Convention Coordinator in the person of Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC.

Hugh is past president of the Washington, D.C. Foundation For Amateur Radio and is active in many D.C. area Amateur activities. He is a well known DX and contest man and has had considerable experience with large scale Amateur conventions. He is close enough to Headquarters so that close contact can be maintained.

Hugh has drawn up a set of "Meeting Coordination Considerations" and a check list of do's and don'ts which we will be glad to send to you upon request. These are, of course, only suggestions which will require local refinements to fit your own needs, but they sure can be a help in planning any kind of a convention type activity. Periodic updatings will reflect your comments and solutions to different problems.

Hugh is also developing a long range calendar to indicate major Amateur Radio meetings and operating events and thus hopes to provide further guidance and coordination for the various QCWA activities. Please keep us advised of your plans so this calendar can be as up-to-date and complete as possible.

Meetings which are now on the callendar for QCWA activities this coming year include

Southwest Division Convention, April 9-11

Dayton Hamvention, April 23-24

Rochester Hamfest, May 22

ARRL Convention, Denver, July 17

Atlantic Division Convention, Philadelphia, July 24-25

Roanoke Division Convention, Norfolk, August 1

Radio Expo, Chicago, September 18

Ask for a copy of QCWA "Meeting Coordination Considerations" and for any additional help and guidance we can provide to assist you in planning QCWA activities. Write to QCWA Headquarters or directly to: QCWA Convention Coordinator

Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC

6903 Rhode Island Avenue

College Park, Md 20740



Q C W A National Convention October 8-9-10 HOUSTON, TEXAS

Something different is guaranteed at the National Convention of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, October 8-9-10. This will be a bang-up affair in true Texas style - complete with a rodeo and Western barbeque, a visit to NASA and a tour of the Astrodome. The business side includes a report from the Board of Directors and a general membership meeting. This will be an important convention and a fun-filled week-end. All QCWA members should plan to attend.

Make your reservations early in order to take advantage of the special pre-registration prices and help fill the coffers of the Houston Chapter so they can meet pre-convention expenses.

The registration fee covers three full days of fun and meetings and the entire six-hour Saturday evening FUN FEST HAM BASH, including bus transportation, barbeque dinner, round and square dancing, rodeo, beer, soft drinks, etc. Cocktails will be optional. A flea market has been arranged, with an auction on Sunday morning. A fine ladies' program has been expanded to include, in addition to a visit to the world famous Galleria, a visit to Texas' most palatial mansion, now a museum and mecca for art and antique buffs. Registration fee is refundable if notice is given before October 9.

Make room reservations directly to the Allen Park Inn, 2121 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas 77019. (Phone (713) 521-9321. Rates are only \$14 single, \$17 double in the court and \$15 and \$18 in the main building. Recreational vehicles are welcome, with no charge for parking if a room is taken. There is a \$5 charge otherwise. Hookups are planned for completion prior to October (but no guarantees.)

Fill out the registration form on the next page and send to Houston Chapter right now.

REGISTRATION

QCWA National Convention

Houston Chapter QCWA
9258 Theysen
Houston, TX 77055

Hey, Gang! Count me in! I want to go Western at the QCWA National Convention in Houston, October 8 - 9 - 10, 1976.

Please register the following members of my family at \$20.00 for the first member and \$16 for each additional member.

1. _____ Call _____ \$20.00

2. _____ Call _____ \$ _____

3. _____ Call _____ \$ _____

4. _____ Call _____ \$ _____

Total remittance \$ _____

Signed _____ Call _____

Address _____

Phone _____

ALPHA-BY-NAME DIRECTORY

There are a few copies of the Alpha-by-Name Directory still available. There will be no further reprint of this book. When these are gone, that's it.

Use the order form on page 63 to get your copy of this indispensable companion to the new call-sign Yearbook.

CALL CHANGES

Here are some of the changes in call signs reported since the first of the year.

K1FTR	Now	W4MHD
W11SPM	Now	W41SPM
W2GMP	Now	W9CFO
K2KEW	Now	W1HJJ
W20VC	Now	K50VC
W3LHS	Now	K3DF
W5LLC	Now	K5AY
W6BSL	Now	W6WC

W8PS	Now	K6NS
W9RQM	Now	W9NA
W9ZKF	Now	W4MIM
W8RZS	Now	W7KVX
KH6LP	Now	W4SQF
KL7DB	Now	W7KRP
KL7HRK	Now	KH61QU

FCC HAS A HEART

Excerpts from "FCC HIGHLIGHTS" in AUTO-CALL Magazine
By Bill Grenfell, W4GF

I suspect many Amateurs are not aware of what the FCC provides in its rules for handicapped persons. Special considerations can be applied to persons handicapped by failing eyesight or hearing defects and infirmities which make it difficult to handle a key, write down code tests, draw circuit diagrams, etc.

"Applicants unable to comply with the regular requirements, because of physical disability, may dictate their answers to the examinations questions and the receiving code test and if unable to draw required diagrams, may dictate a detailed description essentially equivalent."

Applicants requiring such help should make arrangements with the FCC office prior to the examination and should bring someone along to assist them. If an applicant is so handicapped that he cannot travel to the location where the FCC supervised exam is given, he may take a Conditional, Advanced or Extra Class examination at home under the supervision of a volunteer examiner who holds a license of equal or higher class than that for which the applicant is being examined. Renewal requirements may also be waived under extenuating circumstances.

There are some protections built in to prevent abuse of these special privileges and you may need a physician's certificate attesting to the degree of the disability and the fact that it is a "protracted" disability.

Where special arrangements may be required for handicapped persons to take an exam in other than the ordinary manner or procedure, mail or telephone contact with the FCC office which will conduct the examination is recommended. If a mail examination is involved, or if it appears that a waiver of minimum requirements may be involved, written or telephone communication with the Commission's Amateur and Citizens Division is recommended. The mail address is

Amateur and Citizens Division
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C. 20554
Phone (202) 632-7175

Amateur radio can be a wonderful hobby for the handicapped and for some of our ageing citizens, but they are frequently discouraged because of the problems of taking the examination. Let's take advantage of these provisions of the FCC to encourage these people to enter Amateur Radio and/or upgrade their license.

AMATEUR RADIO IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH

Amateur Radio must be good for your health. How else do you explain the number of 60th Anniversary and 50th Anniversary certificates being issued by QCWA?

To date there have been over 1600 Golden Anniversary certificates issued to QCWA members and over fifty of the new 60th Anniversary certificates have been issued since last September.

To top it off, the two Russel brothers in Ohio have both earned 60th Anniversary awards - recognizing a total of 120 years of hamming between them. James Russell, W8BU (left) is from Cleveland, Ohio and David Russell, WB8QYZ (right) is from Berea, Ohio.



120 YEARS OF AMATEUR RADIO
The Russell Brothers of Ohio

James Russell, W8BU

David Russell, WB8QYZ

The Estep brothers in California have even topped that, as far as years of radio in one family. The three brothers took their Amateur exams together fifty years ago. This February Golden Anniversary certificates were issued to Russ Estep, W6AUC, and twin brothers Gerry, W6JAO and Harold, W6BEU. (See photo on next page.)

Just at press time we received the unbelievable: Applications for 60th Anniversary Awards from the three Mumford brothers, Royal, W3CU, Bill, W2CU, and Hal, W6CU. Can anyone top 180 years of Amateur Radio in one family?



150 YEARS OF AMATEUR RADIO
The Estep Brothers of California

Russ, W6AUC

Gerry, W6JAO

Harold, W6BEU

HEADQUARTERS REPORT - Continued

OPERATING AWARDS

The QSO Party will bring a sharp increase in the requests for operating activities certificates - Worked 100 QCWA, Worked 500 QCWA, Worked 60 Chapters, QCWA Worked All States. All Operating Awards are handled by Operating Activities Manager Ted Heithecker, W5EJ

1409 Cooper Drive
Irving, TX 75060

LOGO STAMPS

Headquarters now has some rubber stamps with the QCWA logo which we will sell at cost & postage - \$3.50.



The dies for type setting have gone up to \$9.00 each and we feel that is just too much money. We do, however, have a couple of dies which we will loan to chapters - Scout's honor you will return them. Headquarters just can't get into the business of printing stationery, though.

Thanks for your many kind letters. I wish we could answer all of them. Let us know what we can do to better serve you.

Wm. Smith K4LMB
Executive Secretary



WØGET

WØNTI

LEONARD HEISE AWARD TO WØNTI

Ted Hunter, WØNTI, was recently awarded the Leonard Heise Award of the Eye Bank Association of America.

WØNTI and Dr. Al Braley, WØGET (QCWA member #8377), started the Amateur Radio Eyebank Network in December of 1962 when Dr. Al, an ophthalmologist at the University of Iowa, had one of his patients lose his sight because no donor eye tissue was on hand for corneal surgery.

The network they developed provides for one amateur in each major city which has an Eye Bank to check in twice a day to report on the need for and the availability of human eyes. Within the first three weeks of net operation, three emergencies arose and an eye was furnished for each within 24 hours through the efforts of the network. Since that humble beginning, the net has been responsible for arranging delivery of over 8300 eyes for emergency eye surgery. A number of QCWA members participate and WØNTI and WØGET have been on the net regularly for all these 14 years. Dr. Al was awarded a plaque from the Medical Amateur Radio Council in 1967.

For further information on the Eyebank Network and/or the eye donor program, contact WØGET or your local Lions Club.

QSO Party

Participation in the 1976 QSO Party promises to set a new record. A "preview report" from Dave Davis, right at press time, indicated over 320 logs had already been received and scores were running in the 30,000 - 40,000 range. Contacts in the 600s have been reported - but not yet confirmed.

Most comments have indicated that people liked this year's rules and they thoroughly enjoyed the Party.

The Gator Chapter committee is now hard at work on checking the logs and we will have a full report in the June Newsletter.

SILENT KEYS

It is our sad duty to report the following Silent Keys

W1BOS	Sid Gardner	W6BLC	C.W. Campbell
WA1PVL	Murray Hurvitz	W6FUL	Harvey Cameron
W2PEV	Hillard Drake	W6KUF	Joseph E. Serpa
W2PLE	Albert L. Lang	W6LGW	O.W. Peterson
W2RTV	Charles E. Maass	W6RUC	Elston L. Price
W2ZDV	Francis Sternberg	W6US	B.J. Osborne
W3CA	Kendall H. Speer	W6VXA	Charles P. Smith
W3CJP	Hal A. Stoudt	W7AG	Horace W. Doe
W3VPK	Ralph Ketterer	W7E1G	R.S. Chamberlin
W4COB	James L. Dyer	W7GGH	Al. R. Johnson
W4FH	Robert Freitag	W7VJ	Fred Bargfeld
W4FQV	Frank Bolden	W8CUF	Francis G. Kouri
W4FZD	William O Neal	W8GNL	Ralph W. Harris
W4HDR	Travis Leverett	KB1GQ	Wm. D. Forbey
W4MRF	James Jackson	W8NBF	Jos. J. Nameth
W4SG	Jack Stuart	W8NRX	Wm. J. Grove
K4TT	John D. Bay	W8NT	Don H. Volzer
W5CNG	Howard Griffith	W8SAY	J. L. Beetley
W5OKL	John Seitzinger	W8KY	Frank Murphy
W5SPX	Dovel Boles	W8WBC	Gene E. Stewart
W6AAV	Walt G. Ryberg		
W6ARN	Gerald E. Goss	KH6AX	Freeman Lang
		VE7AAA	Art Abrahamson

When reporting Silent Keys, please give the name as well as call sign so there will be no possibility of confusion.

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

By Ted Heithecker, W5EJ

When this material appears in print, the 1976 QSO Party will be only a memory, and already, even before final scores have been recorded, we are planning on the 1977 QSO Party. There are few activities that bring so much pleasure to QCWA members, and at the same time is so satisfying to those who are sponsoring the event. The planning, the meetings required to iron out this or that difficulty...and the scoring itself are great activities to bring the Chapter membership opportunities to get together in fellowship. If your Chapter can use an exciting activity, may we suggest you plan to sponsor the 1977 QSO Party...write to W5EJ!

The Gator Chapter, sponsors of the 1976 QSO Party, have done a fine job, making some new rules to increase the excitement in the Party. We want to congratulate them for their truly excellent work which has made the 1976 Party one to remember for a long time. We know that you are all interested in the listing of the high scorers in the Party. Now, we can't say there won't be a high-level leak of info, but the plan is to have the unofficial standings, for the top-ten scorers to be broadcast by George Clark, W2JBL, net-control of the QCWA National CW net, on April 7, 1976. The final scoring will be broadcast by Milt Schwartz, W2SF, on the QCWA Sunday afternoon SSE net, on May 2, 1976...Milt will give the top-ten final standings. Of course, a listing of the scores made by every participant in the Party will be published in the June 1976 QCWA Newsletter.

We are trying to get together some info on the early days in facsimile broadcasting. It seems that this would make good reading and we'd like to put a story together. We are sure that many QCWA members had first-hand experience, either in broadcast facsimile, or in the high-frequency work done by a few stations such as W8XE. If you have any stories, or info about such work we're sure that QCWA members would appreciate your sharing it with them. Send material to W5EJ.

Being members in good standing, of the Idle Moment Club, we sometimes amuse ourselves by trying to come up with a phrase of four words starting with QCWA, in order...Here are a few of dubious character..."Quit Calling With Anger;" "Quitters Can't Win Admiration;" "Quilts Can Warm All." Now, there's a whole batch of them, if you don't keep the letters ordered properly. If you have a spare moment, make up a couple, let us have them, and we'll try to squeeze them into print.

THE OLD TIMERS' CORNER

By W5EJ

Many QCWA members have been active in broadcast radio during some part of their lives. The following list of call signs has been prepared to recall memories of days past...it is not complete, and many of the calls no longer exist, but these were a part of the early day radio scene when announcers and station owners were a bit less sophisticated, and took pride in slogans which might be applicable to the community, city or area served.

We have broken the list down into two parts. Part one deals with call letters that were obviously sought by the licensee of the station..the other part deals with slogans which were probably thought up by the licensees to fit the calls which had been assigned to them by Uncle Sam:

Part 1

- WENR - Initials of E. N. Rauland, President, of the All American Radio Corporation, Chicago, Illinois
- KMTR - K. M. Turner Radio Corp., Los Angeles, California
- WREO - Reo Motor Car Company, Lansing, Michigan
- WOWL - Owl Battery Company, New Orleans, Louisiana
- WKRC - Kodel Radio Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio
- WMAL - M. A. Leese Optical Company, Washington, D. C.
- WGBS - Gimbel Brothers Store, New York, N. Y.
- WEEI - Edison Electric Illuminating Company, Boston, MA.
- KFH - Kansas' Finest Hotel, Wichita, Kansas
- WBRE - Baltimore Radio Exchange, Wilkes Barre, PA.
- KMMJ - M. M. Johnson Company, Clay Center, Nebraska

Part 2

- KFAB - The Home Sweet Home Station, Lincoln, Nebraska
- KFDM - Kall For Dependable Magdolene, Beaumont, Texas
- KFI - The Radio Central Super-Station, Los Angeles, CA.
- KFKU - Up at Lawrence on the Kaw, Lawrence, Kansas
- KGW - Keep Growing Wiser, Portland, Oregon
- KFWA - Keeping Friends with All, Ogden, Utah
- KPRC - Kotton Port Rail Center, Houston, Texas
- KTHS - Kum to Hot Springs, Hot Springs, Arkansas
- WAHG - Wait and Hear Grebe, Richmond Hill, N. Y.
- WDOD - Wonderful Dynamo of Dixie, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- WEBR - We Extend Buffalo's Regards, Buffalo, N. Y.
- WSN - We Shield Millions, Nashville, Tennessee
- WTIC - The Insurance City, Hartford, Connecticut
- CFYC - Canada's Flourishing Young City, Burnaby, B. C.

There are many others - if you have a favorite, send it to Ted at W5EJ..one of these days, if you are interested, we'll publish another list of those calls and slogans reminiscent of a time when radio, like we old timers, was young, naive and exuberant!

THE OLD TIMERS CORNER - Continued

George Davis, W6SJ, sent in the picture above. It really tells the story of Amateur Radio when we old-timers were young and active. The picture was taken by George's dad in September, 1924, at about 2 or 3 AM. George, like all of us, had to study evenings except Friday and Saturday's when he would sit up all night working "DX." The rig was a TGTP with the young "op" passed out at the key. It is a wonderful picture, recalling days we won't see again.



In the picture above, is one of the neatest layouts we've seen for a ham-shack of 1936...Joe Koski, our good friend and who is now W5K5X, in Fort Worth, Texas, a founder of the Fort Worth Chapter of QCWA, built the layout as W2JRZ at 156 Mountain View Avenue, Staten Island, N. Y.

ARIZONA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary "Lucky" Brown, K7NTG
9301 E. Magdalena Street; Tucson, AZ 85710
Phone 298-6892

On-the-air: Every Sunday at 0900 MST on 3933 kHz

The Arizona Chapter is busy getting ready for the ARRL convention April 11. We are looking forward to seeing many QCWA members at the breakfast. Vice President Harry Gartsman, W6ATC, and Director Harold Sears, W5NC, have been asked to address the meeting.

Here is a picture of the twenty-four members who attended the Fall business meeting at Sun City.



Hal Teagarden, W7KIH

Holland Day, W7HTY

Gordon Henry, W7RIR

Golden Anniversary Awards
were presented to three
Arizona Chapter members.



ARK-LA-TEX CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ben Laurents, W5JAH
1812 Cambridge Street; Bossier City, LA 71010
Next Meeting: April 20, Sambo's Restaurant in Bossier City, LA

On January 20th the ARK-LA-TEX Chapter held its regular quarterly meeting at Sambo's Restaurant in Bossier City, La. It was our first "Ladies Night" and, thru the courtesy of Nat Pfeffer, W2AII, we were able to show the film about Pitcairn Island. It was agreed that "Ladies Night" should be an annual affair as all attending had a most enjoyable evening.

The Chapter is seriously discussing the possibility of a regularly scheduled operation of the facilities at the local Veteran's Hospital on a weekly basis. This would permit patients to contact their area families by phone patch and could be a worth-while project for the Chapter.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 20th, at 7:00 p.m. Sambo's Restaurant in Bossier City.

Irv Wolfe, W5RQH

When the first 60th Anniversary Awards were presented at Reston last fall, the man picking up certificate #1 was our old friend Andy Shafer, W8TE. Andy built his first receiver in 1912 and his first wireless contact was made in 1914. He "got legal" in 1916 with the call 8TE and has been active on the the air ever since.



QCWA President Frank Gunther presents the #1 certificate for the 60th Anniversary Awards to Andy Shafer, W8TE

AKRON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Rex Brown, W8LUT
647 E. Buchtel Avenue; Akron, OH 44304
Next Meeting: April 15.

In spite of the inclement weather, 35 were in attendance at the January 22 meeting. A slide show depicting various parts of South America and bush countries therein was shown and narrated by Bob Showalter, WA8ZXF, who is also a commercial pilot. Many thanks, Bob. Everyone really enjoyed it.

Welcome aboard to new members Steve Horvath, W8PVZ and Tom Passon, K8WFI. And congratulations to Frank Platner, W8GL, upon receipt of the QCWA Meritorious Service Award.

The newly elected Chapter officers are:

President: Chet Rataski, K8GRO
Vice Pres: Bill Dial, W8BFH
Sec/Treas: Rex Brown, W8LUT

The Chapter members wish to thank the outgoing officers, Sam Carr, W8UGF; Jim Trutko, WBEXI; and Chet Rataski, K8GRO, for a job well done.

We are very sorry to announce that Leonard F. Strobel, W8BSR, a Golden Anniversary Award recipient since 1974, became a Silent Key on January 27. Our condolences to the Strobe family.

The report on the September 25 dinner meeting missed the last Newsletter. (Ethel is hiding her head in shame!) There were 35 in attendance. Entertainment for the evening consisted of a slide show depicting various areas of Italy, shown and narrated by Brother Donald Steffes, CSC, WB8HFY. President Sammy Carr was really in rare form that night, passing out the jokes, as you may note from the photo below.



WB8HFY, K8GRO, W8UGF & YF, WBEXI & YF

The next chapter dinner meeting is scheduled for April 15, at Young's Restaurant. See you there.

Chet Rataski, K8GRO

AUSTIN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary W.E. Peterson, W50Y
9402 Arch Hill Circle; Austin, TX 78759

A luncheon meeting was held on January 31 at Hancock Wyatt's Cafeteria in Austin. Twenty-five members and wives attended.

The Chapter president, Nemo Teykl, W5SD, presented a 60th Anniversary Certificate to Dave Harrell, Jr., W5CVQ, and a Golden Anniversary Certificate to W.E. Peterson, W50Y.



W50Y, 50 Years

Pres. W5SD

W5CVQ, 60 Years

Gene Mallard, W5OMP, provided a very interesting and entertaining program of old time movies which brought back many memories. They included scenes from various chapters of the Pearl White serials and old Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. movies.

W. E. Peterson, W50Y

CANTON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Henry McLaughlin, W80YV
1508 Navarre Road, S.W.; Canton, OH 44706
Next Meeting: Auction, March 26

The dinner meeting at Meyers Lake on February 21 was a great success but too late for details in this issue of the News.

We regret to report that Dr. Donald H. Volzer, W8NT, passed away October 15, 1975. Don received his 50-year award in 1973. Also, Ralph W. Harris, W8GNL, passed away January 15, 1976. Ralph, also a recipient of a 50-year award, was licensed in 1922 as 8BJV

Henry McLaughlin, W80YV

BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary John McLane, K4FTB
1040 Carousel Lane; Hendersonville, NC 28739
Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month at 12:00 Noon
Ramada Inn, Hendersonville, N.C.
Executive Committee Meeting and Roundtable
Fourth Wednesday of each month, 12:00 Noon
Clifton's Cafeteria, Hendersonville, N.C.
Joint Meeting with Palmetto Chapter planned for March 13.

Blue Ridge Chapter has been having some very interesting programs at the monthly meetings. In January our speaker was Col. R. Frank Hill, U.S.A.F. (Ret.), WB4JMG, formerly PAM for North Carolina, now retired from a long engineering career in Public Health Service and Water Works Operation. Frank showed an unusually interesting movie which he took while on a recent safari in Africa. He gave us a fine description of his experiences in this wild-life refuge.

Our speaker at the December meeting was Reverend Jim Leonard, W4FPS, whose ham operating and commercial experience runs from spark, raw AC and UV-201A's (in oil), CW, AM, SSB, to his present AMSAT satellite operations. Jim gave us a complete picture of present Oscar VI and VII and future Oscar VIII operations.

At the November meeting, Lt. Col. A.F. Res (Ret.), Jack Smathers and Wanda gave an interesting video equipment demonstration and an outline of applications of video surveillance and other electronic and ultra-sonic scanning and alarm systems.

We're planning a joint meeting with the Palmetto Chapter in Greenville, S.C. on March 13. Let's have a good turn-out.

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary George Holt, W5DDI
4420 N.W. 19; Oklahoma City, OK 73107

At a meeting of the Central Oklahoma Chapter on February 1, the following officers were elected for two year terms:

Chairman: R.L. "Red" Maier, W5RDE
Vice Chair. Ivan Miller, W5HFU
Director: Fred Boardman, W5NL
Director: J. Raymond Willis, W5ATO

Continuing in office through 1976 are
Sec./Treas. George Holt, W5DDI
Director: George Lagaly, W5NTL
Director: Ned Leach, W5FIJ

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Harry Eckland, W8SKX
945 Kingston Street; Wheaton, IL 60187

The Chicago and Wisconsin Chapters of QCWA will again host a brunch at Chicago's Radio Expo on Saturday, September 18. Plan now on a post labor day trip to the Chicago area and take in this affair. The brunch will be at 11:00 a.m. at the Mundelein Holiday Inn, just minutes from Radio Expo at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, Illinois, half way between Chicago and Milwaukee.



There was a good turn-out at the January 27 meeting to hear Major Georgantes speak on "the other half" of the SMOKEY/CB Highway Patrol story. The twenty-five year veteran of the Illinois Highway Patrol explained some of the jargon used by the CBs and described the services they perform.

Congratulations to Ero Erickson, W9HPJ, on being elected a Fellow in the Radio Club of America.

Latest report from Joe Schroeder, W9JUV, is that three groups are now interested in sponsoring the Presidential Relay proposed by Prof. E.G. Shalkhauser, W9CI, at the September meeting. Both ARRL and QCWA National backed off from the organizational work involved. We hope to have a progress report soon. It would be a wonderful PR effort.

It was surprising to learn that in the 9th call area, there are only 413 members in QCWA. What we need is an aggressive membership recruiting program to attract the hundreds of 25 year men in our ranks. If each member brought one candidate to each meeting, and talked up QCWA in their contacts on the air, our membership would really swell.



Here is a picture of our
Chicago Chapter officers
L to R

Harry Eckland, W8SKX, Sec.
Moe Pallotto, W9BOX, Treas.
Ed Webb, W9IPO, President
Ero Erickson, W9HPJ, V.P.
Hank Sobb, W9CRN, Board

Harry Eckland, W8SKX

CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Herbert Preston, W2RIZ
11 Lincoln Street; Tully, NY 13159
On-the-air: Every Sunday, 10:30 a.m. on 3917 kHz.

A joint dinner of the Binghamton, New York, Old Timers Radio Club and the Central New York Chapter of the QCWA was held at King Arthur's Restaurant in Endicott, N.Y. on January 31. After the usual "social hour" and a wonderful dinner, several hours of pure entertainment were presented.

Denny Crandall, Public Relations Supervisor from the Bendix Corporation's Electronic Components Division in Sidney, N.Y., gave a most interesting talk on the founding and development of the Bendix Plant at Sidney. He illustrated his talk with many slides taken during the 50 year history of the plant.

Following Denny's talk, the group was entertained by an "out of this world" magic show. Tod Buchanon of Endicott, and his sister who acted as his assistant, put on one of the finest "magic" shows that many of us has ever seen. And to add to the effect of the show was the knowledge that the "Magician" is only about twenty years old.

The evening was brought to a close with a showing of the ARRL film, A Ham's Wide Wide World. Everyone has agreed that the gathering was a great success and hopes are being expressed that it can be repeated in the near future.

Officers elected for this year are shown in the photo below:

From left to right:

Secretary
Herb Preston, W2RIZ
President
Orvel Orvis, W2HAB
Vice Pres
Bob Turrell, W2UWD
Activities Chairman
Ted Goodison, W2QLQ
Treasurer
Harry Spencer, W2SDA
NESCON Representative
Sid Tristch, W2NFU



See you on the air Sundays.

H.E. Preston, W2RIZ

CALOOSA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ebert M. Long, K4GEW
1671 Moreno Avenue; Ft. Myers, FL 33901

Meetings: Last Wednesday of each month - 12:00 Noon
Ft. Myers Country Club

W4KA, Leo Haijsman has spent some 1500 hours making a coffee table from rocks he collected during his travels throughout the continental US and Alaska. Each state on the map is made from rocks found in that particular state. The water for the oceans was made from blue sodalite from Canada.

Leo collected the stones, then did the slabbing, shaping, sanding, fitting and polishing to make this beautiful and most unusual rock coffee table. He and Mrs. Haijsman are members of the Southwest Florida Gem, Mineral and Fossil Club of Ft. Myers.



CLEVELAND CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Max Bauer, W8ALI
6805 Mayfield Road #916; Mayfield Hgts 44124

Two 60th Anniversary Awards were presented at the November 8 meeting to brothers James L. Russell, W8BU of Cleveland and David W. Russell, WB8QYZ of Berea, Ohio. (Ye Editor stole the picture for an Up Front story. See page 10).

We believe this to be a "first" when two brothers received these coveted awards simultaneously.

Max G. Bauer, W8ALI

COLORADO CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Stuart Edmonds, WØGW
3998 South Hillcrest Drive; Denver CO 80237
Next Meeting in May.

Informal meetings each Tuesday Noon, Wyatt's Cafeteria
On-the-air: Each Sunday at 1600 MST on 3900 kHz

Colorado Chapter will be putting on a QCWA Breakfast at the ARRL National Convention in Denver. All QCWA members and friends are invited. July 17. More details later.

An informal meeting was held on September 29, 1975, and our brand new banner was prominently displayed and admired by all. It was announced that we now have 72 paid-up members, thanks to the very active membership committee headed by Len Guldman, WØFUH.

The third quarterly meeting was held at the Coors Distributing Facilities in Denver on January 26. A total of 29 were present. President Rogers discussed briefly the proposals to restructure the National By-laws for wider representation. It was agreed by the majority that the proposal prepared by the Nebraska Chapter would be concurred in by the Colorado Chapter.

The program consisted of an interesting talk by Wit Brown, WØCJX, Chairman of the Repeater Coordinating Committee of the Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs. His talk on present day repeaters and how they operate was followed by a lengthy question and answer period. Renewing old friendships, making new ones, free beer and the very fine meeting place made the evening a great success.

The new Chapter net on 3990 kHz seems to be quite popular. This is a statewide net starting at 1600 local time to allow all our members in the Metro Denver Area and around the State to participate more fully in our activities. Everyone is invited to join in.

The next meeting of the Chapter will be in May. It will be a dinner meeting with spouses invited. Election of officers for the following year will take place. News letters will carry full details.

Plans for the QCWA Breakfast on July 17 are progressing very nicely and the Convention Exhibits Chairman confirms that our Chapter will have the use of one free booth during the ARRL Convention.

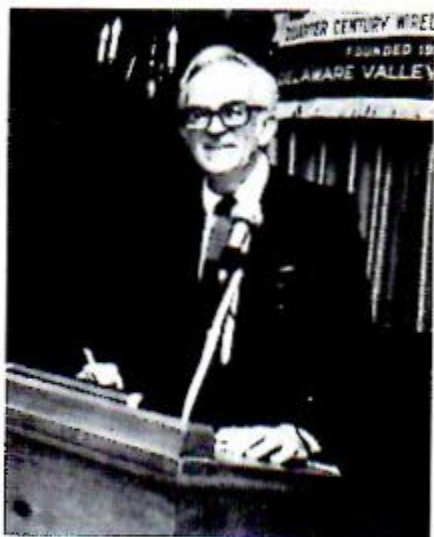
Stuart C. Edmonds, WØGW

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary A.G. Wentzel, Jr., W2HX
318 Gardner Avenue; Trenton, NJ 08618
Next Meeting: Saturday, March 20 at the Buck Hotel, Feasterville
On-the-air: Every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. on 3917 kHz

Seventy-two members and guests were present at the November 8th meeting of Delaware Valley Chapter. George Diehl, W2IHA, Assistant Director of the Hudson Division ARRL, reported on the up-coming Hudson Division Convention. A short report and discussion was held on the new Northeastern Council (NESCON) which meets on Sundays at 13:30 p.m. on 3917 kHz for creating an organization of the Northeastern States Chapters. A moment of silence was observed for Rod W. Rohas, W3DTD of Seaford, Del, and for Jack DuBois of Pennsauken.

Mr. John J. Horan of the General Electric Company of Valley Forge, Pa., spoke on the LANDSAT Satellite. Its designation is for the Earth Resources Technology. Colored composite pictures of this area were shown, taken from hundreds of miles up. He pointed out one road built across the Amazon in South America was 20 miles off the one on the maps and if it had been put in the right place, many dollars would have been saved. Many questions were answered by Mr. Horan.



And here is a picture of Jack Williamson, W3GC and his wife. Jack is the W of the famous B & W Company which made those air wound coils in the early 1920s.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20 at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville, Pa. All are invited.

A. G. Wentzel, Jr., W2HX

DETROIT METRO CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Dick McNutt, W8CAT
442 Beverly Island Drive; Pontiac, MI 48054

Detroit Metro had its first meeting of the "new season" in September and had a good turn-out of members and visitors. A 60th Anniversary Award was presented to Jack Holt, WN8UQK. That's right, WN8. John was first licensed in 1912, under the call 7JH. Now, at 79 years of age, he is coming back into Amateur Radio via the Novice route. He is hard at work on upgrading his ticket.



We had a very interesting talk with slides of the operation of the communications section of the Detroit Police Dept. Speaker was W8KJJ, Al Balasiak, the man in charge of communications for the Department.

60th Anniversary Award

The November meeting get-together consisted of discussion and tape recordings by W8DX (ex R.I.) of activities via the OSCAR 6 and 7. Dick is one of the first in this area to work all states by the way of OSCAR 6 or 7.

EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary George L. Fuller, W2BSH
2094 Oaklawn Avenue; Schenectady, NY 12306
Next Meeting: Tentatively planned for late April or early May

The Charter for our chapter arrived on 16 January and we scheduled a meeting for February 2. But a snowstorm and blizzard stopped all highway travel and we had to cancel the meeting.

Our President, Howard Lester, W200C, has appointed the following Steering Committee: Chairman - John Keane, W2BR5; Daniel Murray, W2PKY; Joseph Battaglia, WB2QEH; and George Fuller, W2BSH. By-laws Committee: Chairman - Ralph Yeandle, W2IK, George Fuller, W2BSH. Publicity - Joseph Battaglia, WB2QEH.

A dinner meeting is tentatively planned for late April or early May. We hope the weather will cooperate this time.

George L. Fuller, W2BSH

EL PASO AREA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Milly Wise, W5OVH
8516 Mt. Scott; El Paso, TX 79904

Meetings: Third Saturday of each month at Noon.

On-the-air: Every Saturday at 8:30 a.m., MT on 3940 kHz.

El Paso Area Chapter salutes Howard Brokate, W5RO, 1975 winner of the "Worked All El Paso" ten meter contest.



We were saddened by the news that Jack Stuart, W4SG, became a Silent Key on January 22. Jack was a well known ham and former El Paso resident.

Below is a picture of operations at W5KBP during the Powder Puff Derby. L to R: Rich Richardson, W5IGU; Trev McNutt, W5KBP; and Bob Northrup, W5RAF.

Noel Olmstead, W5URT



EVERGREEN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Howard R. Patrick, W7IDZ
E. 2927 15th Avenue; Spokane, WA 99203
On-the-air: Every Sunday morning at 0830 PST on 3985 kHz

We are pleased to report that membership in Evergreen Chapter is now up to 70 and we have received our free banner.

An informal luncheon was held in Spokane in November with 28 members and guests in attendance. After the luncheon, Golden Anniversary awards were presented to W7GND and WA7NPT. Sixty-year awards went to W7CJ and K7RVJ. See photo below. A Golden Anniversary Award has also been issued to W.J. Sullivan, W7FC, of Bozeman, Montana.



Scoop - WA7PT Doc - K7RVJ George - W7CJ Chick - W7GND

We deeply regret to report the death of Charter Member Albert R. Johnson, W7GGH, of Moscow, Idaho. Albert died December 25, 1975, at the age of 63. He has been ill for only two months.



Here is a picture of our officers. On the left is Secretary/Treasurer Howard R. Patrick, W7IDZ. On the right is President Robert W. Morrill, W7BMK.

"Meeting-on-the-air" is conducted by W7FL every Sunday morning at 0830 PST on 3985 kHz. Everyone is invited to check in.

Howard R. Patrick, W7IDZ.

EVERGLADES CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Joseph Trahan, W4UCL
3633 S.W. 23rd Ct; Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312
Meetings: First Saturday of each month.

New officers were elected at the December 6 meeting of Everglades Chapter.

Chairman:	Ed Stolzenberger, WB4ODL
Vice Chair.	Richard Ken Rohan, K4YA
Sec/Treas:	Joseph Trahan, W4UCL
Director:	Harold LaMarche, K4DG

Ted Wayne gave a short talk on FCC and ARRL problems and a brief description of problems the Japanese have had with regulations similar to Docket 20282. Mark Devaney, K4IDC, reported on National QCWA matters.

New Chairman Ed Stolzenberger, WB4ODL, spoke briefly on Everglades Chapter organization, past and future. He congratulated K4AS and K4KR on being Charter Members of QCWA and recognized two 60-year men and thirteen 50-year members.

A 60th Anniversary Award was presented to Herb Muller, K4GQ, at the December meeting and Golden Anniversary Awards went to Ted Stern, K4YY and Howard Lowe, K4ASC at the January meeting. Walt Bickmeyer, K4NI received the Golden Anniversary certificate at the November meeting. The Secretary has a small supply of stickers to up-date the many Anniversary certificates. (A decal for each 2-year step - 52 to 70 years.)

Irv Weston, K4NA, has suggested that articles and pictures similar to those appearing in Spark Gap Times be furnished to the National Executive Secretary so that they might be published in the QCWA quarterly News.

Two new members have been welcomed into the Chapter: Louis Schreiner, W2ENU of Pompano Beach and Theodore Stern, K4YY of Ft. Lauderdale. Note that W9MC has a new call - K4EU.

Orm Bullis, W4PKD

PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS. I wonder if you know of any QCWA members who belong to the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or who were in service on the Island of Oahu during the attack. Walter Dettinger, W8NXN

GATEWAY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ted Gormsen, W4SZ
 7288 Alana Road; Jacksonville, FL 32211
 Next Meeting: Saturday Moon, March 6.
 On-the-air: Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. on 3930 kHz

Since Northeast Florida was the only remaining area of the State that did not have a local QCWA chapter, several QCWA members met at Tony Bernard's residence on January 21 for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of forming such a chapter. The result was a petition carrying the names of 12 active QCWA members. The Charter was received in time for members to claim Gateway Chapter during the QSO Party.

It was agreed that Tony Bernard, W4BRZ, would serve as Acting President and Ted Gormsen, W4SZ, as Acting Secretary Treasurer until our first meeting after the Jacksonville Hamfest in April. Yearly Chapter dues of \$2.00 were voted and the Treasurer is now set up to receive such dues. A weekly net is being established on 3930 kHz at 11:00 a.m. each Saturday.

Our first luncheon is scheduled for Saturday Moon, March 6 at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit. No advanced reservation is necessary. Just come, bring your spouse, order your meal, and come to the meeting room on the second floor. Future meetings and Hamfest activities will be discussed.

Ted Gormsen, W4SZ

HAM FELLOWSHIP By K4LMB

I thought I'd like to join a club where I could have some fun.
 I heard about your local group and thought I'd found the one.
 So I hunted up your meeting place, but as I waited there,
 I doubted you could be the hams I'd talked to on the air.

I stood there just inside the door and tried to catch an eye,
 But you dashed past to old-time friends and simply passed me by.
 It was a real fine meeting, but it lasted fairly long,
 And when the gavel sounded, everyone was up and gone.

I went home feeling lonely - when I'd hoped for fellowship.
 I didn't meet a single soul who seemed to care a whit.
 I plan to come again next month, and if I do attend,
 Won't someone introduce himself? I'd like to be a friend.

GATOR CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary "Dave" Davis, W4GQ
6971 Grand Vista Way, So.; St. Petersburg, 33707
Meetings: First Saturday of each month.
On-the-air: Every Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m. on 3920 kHz

We started off the year with 157 paid-up members, 58 recipients of the Golden Anniversary certificates, two 60th Anniversary awards and four holders of the Meritorious Award. Our luncheons are running around 140 people and we are getting about 30 members on the weekly SSB net.

At the January luncheon we had the pleasure of the company of General Ted Conway, a charter member of the Gator Chapter. Since his retirement from active duty as head of Strike Command, he has been a really busy man (isn't that the pattern?) and we have not had him at a luncheon for some time.

As most of you know, the Gator Chapter sponsored the 19th Annual QCWA QSO Party. We are now wading through the avalanche of logs. It was a really fine party.

New officers for 1976 will be:

President Bob Conaughy, W4OQ
Vice Pres: Jim Keyes, K4FCW;
Treasurer: Art Monsees, K4QG
Secretary: Dave Davis, W4GQ
Board Members: Hal Bates, WA4FIU
Cap Grigsby, K4MFF
Wes Edmonds, W4TPA
Irv Sears, W4JCJ
Hal Rice, W4FOM

Russ Chappell, K4HI, has consented to be our scribe to Florida Skip.

Just a few gentle reminders: If you are eligible for the 50-year or 60-year certificates, send me an SASE and I will mail you an application blank. I also have gold decals to be placed on the corners of your present certificates reading 52, 54, 56, 58, etc. years as appropriate. Order your plastic ID badges from our treasurer. I have on hand, free to the eligibles, the tabs to attach, reading "50 years" and "60 Years."

Please check the roster, and if you have changed your address, phone number, swapped wives, or anything else which should appear differently in the new roster, now is the time to let me know.

Dave Davis, W4GQ

GULF COAST CHAPTER

For information: Contact Secretary Clarence "Duffy" Ornduff, W5RZP
317 Fayard Place; Biloxi, MS 39530

On-the-air: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays following the Gulf Coast
Sideband Net on 3925 kHz. Note change in time.

Gulf Coast Chapter's monthly dinner meeting was held at Popp's Ferry Restaurant on 29 January. The meetings for November and December were called off due to holiday activities. Roger Van Keuren, K5ZDI and YF from San Antonio were guests of W5BW, and K5UQJ and YF were visitors.

We are happy to announce that "Tom" Braidwood, W5BW is recuperating very well from his four weeks in the hospital. The old "ticker" was acting up.

Plans are being made to change the date and location of our monthly meetings to make it easier for members in different areas to attend. Announcement of changes will be made on the on-the-air meetings.

It is with great sadness I announce the passing, on Christmas eve, of my neighbor and a great friend of all hams along the Gulf Coast, "Doc" Boles, W5SPX. His great slogan, "This is W5SPX, your host on the coast saying 73s and a pleasant good evening" will be remembered by all who knew him. "Doc" was a Charter member of the Gulf Coast Chapter.

"Duffy" Ornduff, W5RZP

Did you ever wonder how some chapters keep going on such low dues? Well, here is Upper Midwest Chapter "'passing the hat." L to R: W0PET, W0CRO, W0UGP, W0IMJ and AC0RAG.



HOUSTON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary C.B. Scott, W5GPD
5475 Darnell; Houston, TX 77096
Meetings: 4th Saturday at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Sharpstown
On-the-air: Thursday nights on 3876 kHz, 8:00 p.m. local

The bulk of our efforts are being directed to our National QCWA Convention which is set for October 8-10 here in Houston. The beautiful Allen Park Inn has been selected for the convention and the convention committee is going full blast making the arrangements. Registrations already coming in indicate the work of super salesman Jerry, W5AIR; Lindsey, W5FR; Hal, W5NC and others. Pre-registration number 1 went to Charles Thomsen, W5OP, at the December meeting. We need your pre-registrations in early in order to establish a working fund. See more details on page 7 of this issue of the News.

Many of our gang are now looking back to the QCWA QSO Party. Working the fellows was, as usual, a great pleasure - altho the format was a problem at first. It sure is nice to have a YF that can interpret your etchings and compute the final results. It was great to have our yearly contact with some of our Old Timer friends. Impressive, of course, is the number of new chapters - 92 total as of February 1 and still more in the mill. It's history now, and our hats are off to Dave, W4GQ, and his committee of Gator fame for sponsoring and scoring our QSO Party this year.

The tremendous growth of Houston has caused many wonderful things, however, some things are not so wonderful. Our Zip codes have been changed for many of us. This has started the almost endless chain of updating records. Naturally, the Amateur License merits first consideration, along with other "wolf retarding" documents. The first to feel the impact are the Chapter secretaries and, quite naturally, our National records. Howdy, Ethel! Some changes have already been made but the bulk is yet to come. Houston is first to change - other cities are next. How about a phone call with the new zip? Monty - 462 2867, Scotty - 667 7785.

January 1, 1976 is the magic date for many an old timer to become eligible for membership in QCWA. Our membership drive is going full blast. A lot of fellows are just waiting to be invited and you and your magic word is all it takes to get them in. We have a lot going for us and it really doesn't take much sales work to enlist even the non-joiners. How about talking it up?

Monty Montemayor, W5YZ

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Andrew Bartilucci, W2NKC
115 Roosevelt Street; Garden City, NY 11530
On-the-air: Sunday 11:30 a.m. 3917 kHz. W2SF NCS

Our December meeting featured Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM, and his famous film on Pitcairn Island, which was narrated by Nat in his inimitable lucid style.

Membership has swollen to 125 and still growing by leaps and bounds. Activities being planned for 1976, in addition to our bi-monthly dinner meetings, include participation in Field Day in June and a family picnic in August.

Officers for 1976 were elected at our December meeting.

Chairman: Art DeVinney, W2RRY
Vice Chair: Jules Freundlich, W2JGR
Secretary: Andy Bartilucci, W2NKC
Treasurer: Cliff Campbell, W2HVD
Executive Committee: Bob Forster, W2DVG
Karl Johnson, K2KM; Ed Piller, W2KPQ
Jules Rivman, W2TD; Bill Schrader, K2GT

Attendance at our dinner meetings has been exceptionally high. This has been due mainly to the high caliber of our guest speakers. They have made our meetings extremely interesting and entertaining.

The guest speaker at our February meeting will be Richard B. Knadle, Jr., K2RIW, whose subject will be "2 Meters and Down." His credentials are too numerous to present here, but it is expected he will touch all bases with regard to Amateur operation on VHF/UHF, i.e., FM, SSTV, EME, Scatter, Satellites, etc.

We regret to report the passing of one of our most active members who was also president of the Nassau County Radio Club, Francis "Buck" Sternberg, W2ZDV.

The International QCWA Net, which meets every Sunday afternoon at 2100Z on 14,345 kHz, recently scored a first. On 21 December, 1975, there were 47 check-ins, including representation from all ten districts, KV4, KL7 and OA4. The increase in activity and interest is due in large measure to the snappy net control practiced by Milt Schwartz, W2SF. We could use more participation by LIQCWA members.

Items of interest for the LIQCWA Newsletter should be sent to Jules Freundlich, W2JGR.

Art DeVinney, W2RRY.

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary David W. Winter, W2AUF
8426 87th Street; Woodhaven, NY 11421
Next Meeting: March 17. Luchow's Restaurant, 110th E 14th

Our initial 1976 meeting, in which the Radio Club of America participated, was held on January 14 at Luchow's Restaurant in New York. It was a most successful affair, attended by over 60 members and guests including the following notables: Addie Ottley, KV4BW, former Lieut Governor of the Virgin Islands; Henry Paulsen, W2QA, Engineer-in-charge of New York FCC office; QCWA President, Frank A. Gunther, W2ALS; QCWA Vice President Harry S. Gartsman, W6ATC; QCWA Director Clarence Seid, W2KW/KV4AB; and Samuel N. Harmatuk, Vice Pres of the Radio Club of America.

A 60th Anniversary Award was presented to Lester Reiss, W2BR/W2RH, a Charter Member; and a Golden Anniversary Award to Jules Bernstein, W2EV. Presentations were made by QCWA President Frank Gunther.

The annual election was held at this meeting in accordance with the Chapter's new Constitution and By-laws. Following are the newly elected Officers and Directors for 1976-1977.

President: Lawrence M. Bargebuhr, W1GUV
Vice Pres: Dudley Phelps, W2QU
Sec/Treas: David W. Winter, W2AUF
Directors: Samuel Grossman, W2JDG
Charles Kahn, K2GZ
Nathaniel Pfeffer, W2AIM
David Talley, W2PF
William Trenkle, W2FWA

Chapter members overwhelmingly approved the Resolution to be sent to QCWA Officers and Directors, and to the Restructuring Committee, recommending the following major amendments to the QCWA Constitution and related By-laws:

- (1) Increase the number of Directors, excluding the Officers, from 5 to 10. Directors to be elected on the basis of one for each FCC call-sign district if feasible.
- (2) Article VI of the Constitution to be changed so that petitions submitted by 100 or more members to amend the Constitution would not require consideration and approval by the Board of Directors as at present.
- (3) Article VI, Section 2 of the By-laws be changed so that only 10 instead of 100 members can nominate eligible members for Directors. The Directors, in turn, would elect the Officers who would be non-voting members of the Board of Directors.

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MOHAWK VALLEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Hugh Siegel, K2CP
Rt 3; Boonville, NY 13309

Next Meeting: In May. Details will be communicated to members.

Our Semi-Annual meeting and dinner was held on November 1, 1975, at the Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club in New York Mills, N.Y. We had 43 members and guests in attendance. We were pleased to have as a special guest, Lou Lockner, the widow of Silent Key member W2RRB who was a close personal friend of many of our club members.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Golden Anniversary award to Les Young, W2ARY. It was, indeed, a pleasure to personally make this presentation, as Les and I have been personal friends for 30 years. The photo shows Les receiving the certificate from W2RWE. Our Secretary/Treasurer, W2QJW, is at the left.



A short business meeting followed, at which time a new Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer were elected for the coming year. The new officers are:

Chairman: Don Farrell - W2GA

Sec/Treas: Hugh Siegel - K2CP

We had a successful year financially and it was gratifying to see that all of our members are still active and enjoying good health.

Our next meeting will be held in May. The date and time will be communicated to all members.

Ed Odell - W2RWE

MUSKEGON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary H. Russell Reece, W8BX5
1748 Evanston; Muskegon, MI 49442

Next Meeting: March 20, Muskegon Community College
In conjunction with Great Lakes Area Hamvention

The Winter quarterly dinner meeting was held at the Olympic Flame on January 21st. An excellent turn-out was had considering the weather and the number who winter in the Sunshine State.

Everyone missed the presence of W8SAY. Jerry joined the ranks of Silent Keys January 1st. This was approximately one week after he was presented with his Golden Anniversary Award. Jerry was extremely pleased in receiving this award. The Muskegon Chapter owes the Executive Secretary, Ethel Smith, a debt of gratitude for her special effort in making this award possible.



W8PYL

W8SAY

W8CJ

There was some discussion about changing the date of the next meeting to 2nd Wednesday instead of the 3rd. This would make it possible for several to attend. Also discussed was the possibility of having one meeting a year in Grand Rapids. This would help on the driving time for those that live in the Lansing and Grand Rapids areas. The date and location of our next meeting will be announced to each member at a later time.

There will be a QCWA meeting at the Muskegon Community College on March 20, in conjunction with the Great Lakes Area Hamvention and Michigan State ARRL Convention. See you there.

Our last column showed a picture of the Muskegon Chapter President and Secretary/Treasurer, but neglected to note that Cliff Bee, W8CCC, is our Vice President. Sorry, Cliff!

Russ Reece, W8BX5

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Arthur R. Gaeth, WØFQB
 6105 37th Street; Omaha, NE 68111
 On-the-air: Every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. on 3980 kHz

Our annual Chapter meeting was held in Grand Island, Nebr., on December 6. This meeting was preceded by a meeting of the Board of Directors at the FCC Monitoring Station and a tour of the monitoring station, courtesy WØAP. The YF's (two car-loads) toured the shopping centers during this period. Prior to our scheduled evening meeting, a cock-tail hour was held at the Liederkrantz Club, followed by a stupendous "home style dinner," also arranged by WØAP. Thirty were in attendance.

The first order of business was the report of election of Officers and Directors for 1976. The tally of 48 ballots received, representing 80% of our total membership, resulted in the election of the following:

President: WØUFD
 Vice Pres: WØMW
 Secretary: WØFQB
 Treasurer: WØVYX
 Directors: WØGEQ, WØLEF, WØMYT,
 WØWKP, and WØZHI.

The restructuring proposal pertaining to our International QCWA Association Constitution and By-laws, as suggested by David Talley, W2PF, was read and discussed and the recommendations of our Board of Directors were unanimously approved. Emphasis was placed on the forming of ten (10) regions based on FCC District alignment, as opposed to only a four area construction.

Our President and Secretary are to be included on the committee for the up-coming Midwest Division ARRL Convention, to be held in Omaha next October and sponsored by the Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club. It has been suggested that a program for our Midwest Division QCWA members be similar to that provided at Lincoln.

Secretary WØFQB, is Co-chairman of the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Committee for the radio club project. Target is 76 new hams in 1976. Thirty-three members have volunteered their help and 23 prospective hams have been assigned to them.

WØGFK has received the Golden Anniversary Award - the fourth in our chapter. WØFQB and YF celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 20. WØFQB has also been elected Vice-President of the Omaha Police and Firemen's Pension Assn.

Arthur R. Gaeth, WØFQB.

NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAPTER

For information: Contact Secretary Henry Harley, VE3BR
Box 25, Site 1, RR 2; Orleans, Ontario
On-the-air: Each Saturday at 1100 on 3760 kHz

National Capital Chapter sponsored a hospitality room at the R.S.O. Convention held in Ottawa last October. This was probably the first time the QCWA was exposed to the convention goers in Canada. The room was very successful and drew over 60 old timers, some of whom we are sure will end up as QCWA members.

At the convention banquet, the Chapter's President, VE3QA, was presented with his Golden Anniversary Award. Presentation was made by the youngest Advanced certificate holder at the convention, 12 year old Joanne Zorzi, VE2DTI. See photo at right.

Our Spring dinner meeting will be held late in February. We are hoping that the Chapter will be well represented in the annual QCWA QSO Party.

Henry Harley, VE3BR



METROPOLITAN NEW YORK CHAPTER - Continued

The feature of the meeting was an illustrated talk on "The Wonderful World of Jacques Cousteau" by John V. Markey, of the New York Telephone Co. Mr. Markey showed and described numerous underwater photos of the strange creatures that inhabit our oceans at great depths. He also explained why the oceans are man's future source of energy and food.

The next Chapter meeting is scheduled for March 17 at Luchow's Restaurant, 110 East 14th Street, New York.

David Talley, W2PF

NEW CHAPTER. A new chapter is being formed in the San Joaquin valley of California, around Fresno and Delano. Over fifty people have expressed interest in forming a chapter and a meeting will be held March 12 at the Fresno Amateur Radio Club. For information, contact Harry Billings, WA6UOR.

NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Harvey Wannenmacher, W2MZ
85 Wilma Drive; Lancaster, NY 14086

Meetings: Every Saturday Noon

On-the-air: Sunday p.m.

This has turned out to be a big Awards period. At one of the weekly luncheons a Golden Anniversary Award was presented to Karl Hoffman, W2RG. See photo below.



L to R: W2YE, W2LEZ, W2JR, W2RG, W82G0Q, K2ENH, W2LB, W2SD.

Sixty Year Awards were presented to Earl Westfall, W2JR, and Harvey F. Wannenmacher, W2MZ.



W2YE, W2KZ, W2JR, W2LB, W2SD



W2KX, W2YE, W2SD, W2LB, W2MZ

The Rochester Hamfest is scheduled for May 22 and our Chapter will occupy a booth where we will display our newly earned banner, have a meeting with a speaker, and hope to sign up some new members.

Harvey Wannenmacher, W2MZ

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Russ Estep, W6AUC
1469 El Camino Real; Belmont, CA 94002
On-the-air: Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 3907 kHz Phone
10:45 a.m. - 3768 kHz CW
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. 146.25/85

The Directors of the Norcal Chapter have elected a new President for 1976. He is Charles Henry, W6EJA, of Richmond, CA. Two Directors, elected by the membership, are Louis Beer, W6QPS, and Claude Cole, W6YCT. They will serve for two year terms along with the remaining three Directors.

A 60th Anniversary certificate (with 62 year decal) has been issued to Butler J. Osborne, W6US, and two more 60-year certificate to Bob Erler, W6LL and F.B. Greeley, W6NW. Golden Anniversary certificates have been issued to Bill Green, W6BYS, Walt Schueler, W6OCR and to the three Estep brothers, Russ, W6AUC, Harold, W6BEU and Gerald, W6JAO. Ye editor stole the pictures of the Estep brothers for an "up front" story. (See page 11). We think this sets some kind of a record with the three brothers chalking up 150 years of Amateur Radio.

The Directors have written National Headquarters expressing agreement with a letter written by W2VAF in which he asked for further thought to having one director for each call-letter district.

There seems to be considerable support for additional meetings of NorCal Chapter, probably one in the Sacramento/Santa Rosa area and one in the San Jose/Santa Cruz vicinity. More on that later.

Russ Estep, W6AUC

NEVADA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary John Neal, W7VH
2105 Las Verdes; Las Vegas, NV 89102
Meetings: First and third Tuesdays with RACES group.

The Nevada Chapter of the QCWA has been in "intensive care unit," however, we are on the mend. We are holding joint meetings with the RACES group (we all belong to that) on the first and third Tuesdays, the latter is a dinner meeting. We have great fellowship and exchange of experiences and information.

The Nevada Chapter will sure be in evidence for the QCWA QSO Party and you will be hearing more from us in the future.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary George Apfel, W2GHV

PO Box 312; Park Ridge, NJ 97656

Meetings: Quarterly dinner meetings.

On-the-air: NESCON Net 12:15 p.m. Sunday on 3917 kHz

The Northern New Jersey Chapter held its regular quarterly dinner meeting on December 5 in Rochelle Park, NJ. Present were 59 members and their guests.

President Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF, recalled some interesting history of the Association. "On Friday evening, December 5, 1947, just 28 years ago to this very minute, 34 very much younger Amateurs met in Pappas' Restaurant in down town New York, and a new organization was born. Its name was established as the Quarter Century Wireless Association. Tonight, to the minute, we are celebrating our 28th anniversary.

"Since then, over 10,000 applications have been processed, and we still have over 7,000 active members. I am sure that none of us at that first meeting ever expected this to become the best fraternal organization, and the second largest Amateur organization in the world."

Attendance at the meeting was below normal because of a scheduling conflict with the Northern New Jersey DX Association's Christmas Dinner. Incidentally, we now have 174 members.

Extended service awards stickers were presented as follows: Charlie Mass, W2RTV - 54 years; Paul Bechberg, K2GH - 54 years; were presented stickers at the meeting. Not present but sent the stickers by mail: Don Ernest, K2BC - 54 years; Al O'Hara, W2OG - 56 years; Merrill Beam, K2BX and Chuck Porter, K2ER - both 65 years. (Charlie Mass, W2RTV, has since become a Silent Key

The Northeastern States Conference of QCWA Chapters, known as NESCON, is progressing and is now composed of six chapters, namely, Central New York, Delaware Valley, Long Island, Metro New York, New England and Northern New Jersey. The NESCON net is on the air at 12:15 p.m., just prior to the Northern New Jersey net at 1:15 p.m. each Sunday on 3917 kHz.

A most interesting program was presented by member Paul Bechberger, K2GH, on fluorescent minerals of Franklin, N.J., complete with slides, history, and a large display of most beautiful specimens under ultra violet light.

Northern New Jersey Chapter was out in force during the QSO Party. We will be anxious to see the scores.

George J. Apfel, W2GHV

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Bob Cannon, W4IG0
105 N. Sterling Blvd; Sterling, VA 22170

Next Meeting: 18 May

On-the-air: Sunday at 12:00 Noon on 3917 kHz - after L.I. Net

The Northern Virginia Chapter held its regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday, February 17. Officers for 1976 were elected:

President: Bill Grenfell, W4GF

Vice Pres: John O'Connell, W4LPY

Secretary: Bob Cannon, W4IG0

Treasurer: Ken Joseph, W4SIG

Twenty-eight turned out for the meeting and it looks as though the Northern Virginia Chapter is off to a great start. We now have a total of 53 members signed up, with more being heard from each meeting.

Other business covered was to refine and approve the Constitution and By-laws of the chapter. Emerson Mehrling, W4NH, received his Golden Anniversary Award, with the 52 year sticker attached. Chuck Stay, W4HE, was presented with a 54-year sticker. Congratulations to both.

The Chapter has signed up for three tables at the Old Timers Dinner at the Washingtonian in Gaithersburg on March 13 and it is hoped that our chapter banner will arrive in time for presentation at the dinner.

Those few who have not yet paid up the initiation and first year's dues must do so before the next meeting, if you wish to become charter members. Initiation is \$1.00. One year's dues amounts to \$3.00. Send your \$4.00 to Ken Joseph, W4SIG,
916 Hermosa Drive; Fairfax, VA 22030

Join the Sunday net on 3917 kHz at about 11:30 to 12:00 Noon, right after the Long Island Chapter net.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 18 at the Black Angus on Arlington Blvd., Falls Church. (Across from Loehmann's Plaza). Cocktails at 7:00 p.m., dinner at 7:30.

BOOKS: We have received information on several books involving radio communications and written by QCWA members. Some of these include:

A History of Amateur Radio in the Philippines - By DU1OR
Ten Thousand Tons by Christmas - Edwin Lee White, W4AS
IDA Was A Tramp - By Cmdr. E. J. Quinby

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

For information: Contact Secretary Hal Johnston, W7PN
48 E- Harrington Lagoon Road; Coupeville, WA
On-the-air: Every Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 3655 kHz CW
3:00 p.m. - 3955 kHz SSB
Daily: 12:00 Noon - 7260 kHz AM, SSB
Next Meeting: April 17, Lewis-Clark Hotel, Chehalis, WA
Annual Meeting June 12-13, Quays Motel, Vancouver, WA

What with poor band conditions, wet weather, and cabin fever, there has been a good showing on the nets. We are not all fortunate to be able to follow the birds to sunnier climes.

The Puget Sound Section held a dinner November 9 in Burien, Washington. There were about 70 in attendance. Highlight of the affair was the presentation of a QCWA 60th Anniversary Award to "Doc" Spike, W7OS. At a dinner of the Oregon Section held previously, Les Adams, W7VGX, was also presented a Golden Anniversary Award.



60th Anniversary Award
To "Doc" Spike, W7OS
Presentation by Chapter Chair-
man "Tex" Sloat, W7AHK.



Golden Anniversary Award
To Les Adams, W7VGX
Presented at Portland, Oregon
dinner meeting.

On Valentine's Day, February 14th, British Columbia Section held a very successful dinner party at "The Attic" in West Vancouver, B.C. About 50 were in attendance - including some from the "lower 48."

The next section dinners scheduled are Oregon, March 12, at the "Country Kitchen," Portland, Oregon and the South West

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NORTHWEST CHAPTER - Continued

Washington Section with its annual dinner April 17 at the Lewis-Clark Hotel in Centralia, Washington. The "BIG ONE" for the whole Northwest Chapter is scheduled for June 12 and 13 at the Quays Motel, Vancouver, Washington. Chairman "Tex" Sloat is in charge of this one.

In November and December, "Stan" Belliveau, W7AYO, covered about 25 thousand miles of the South Pacific, including Tahiti,

Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. Highlight of the trip was meeting several of the Sydney Chapter members via a small party held at the QTH of VE2BEK. (See picture at left.)

L to R:

Front Row: VK2AKO, VK2EW

Back Row: VK2DA, W7AYO
VK2AND, VK2BEK

Stan Velleveau, W7AYO



NEW CHAPTER IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Plans for a new chapter in British Columbia, Canada, are well under way. Protem officers are

President Protem: Bill Davis, VE7ACJ

Sec/Treas Protem: Ernie Savage, VE7BF

Directors for four different areas have also been selected:

Okanagan Section: Al Miller, VE7KC

Vancouver Island, North: Norm Tyson, VE7ALY

Vancouver Island, South: Herb Smith, VE7KL

Fraser Valley: Floyd Beardsell, VE7HI

A Valentine Party at Frank Baker's Attic was a great success. Final organizational meeting will be held on March 31. For further information contact VE7BF.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary John P. Trent, KL7DG
1700 Tudor Road; Anchorage, AK 99507

Quarterly meetings for Chapter 88 will include our Washington Birthday BiCentennial gathering on February 22, in costume. We might heave some dollars across the Anchorage Potomac - which would be Chester Creek. That's our first gathering of 1976. When Hal DeVoe returns from his vacation we will have a gathering at his home - probably in late May.

LeRoy J. Davie, KL7CUK, SCM and former EIC FCC Monitoring Station in Anchorage, has invited us to his homestead on Montana Creek some 100 miles North of Anchorage on the new Anchorage to Fairbanks highway, for a combined picnic with his "Snipers Net." I hope to have my old friend Luther J. Pully, W5JIZ, fly up from Dallas, Texas for this one.

Northern Lights Chapter is proudly displaying a QCWA Banner, thanks to the very generous donation of Harry Gartsman, W6ATC. We certainly thank him very much. The banner will be proudly displayed at all of our functions. We are hoping that Harry will be able to make the KL7CUK picnic.

We now have a special Northern Lights Award for contacting and confirming QSO with three of our Chapter 88 stations off net time and frequency.

A Golden Anniversary Award was issued to Hal De Voe, KL7HF, at November meeting. There wasn't room for a picture last time. Hal is President of Northern Lights Chapter. Offering congratulations is Dr. Robert M. Hisamoto, KL7AM.



"Bob", KL7AM is a well known authority on special aurora effects. He is at the Gilmore Tracking Station at Fairbanks. 70% of Bob's ten member family have earned their own tickets.

John Trent, KL7DG

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Joe Soroka, W3LGD
209 McMichael Road; Carnegie, PA 15106
Next Meeting: In April

The first meeting of the year was held on January 25 with 27 members and 19 YLs for a total of 46. Good weather prevailed and all hands enjoyed the good food and conversation.

Golden Anniversary Awards were presented to four members at the June meeting last year. The photo, taken by W3KVS, shows, L to R,
W3LPP K3AN W3MD W3SF Chairman W3KPI



Since that time, Golden Anniversary Awards have also been issued to W3LQS (photo at left) and to W2EV.



W3LQS

We welcome two recent additions to the local chapter: Gene "Buck" Ruperto, W3QYG, and Austin, Dixon, W3O1Y.

We regret to inform the fraternity of the death of Kendall Speer, W3CA, ex W30FD, on August 12 at the age of 59. On October 2, Ralph L. Ketterer, W3VPK, passed

away at the age of 58. Ralph had a long career in the broadcasting business and was TV Engineer at WLIC. Both were members of this chapter.

Joe Soroka, W3LGD

PALMETTO STATE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary R.L. "Robbie" Robinson, K4JLM
1706 Afton Avenue; Charleston, SC 29407

Next Meeting: March 13 - Joint meeting with Blue Ridge Chapter
On-the-air: Saturdays at 1300 EST on 3930 kHz

Hope all of you have sent in your reservations for the March 13 luncheon in Greenville, S.C. We hope to have our new banner on display at that time.

As this will be a joint meeting with Blue Ridge Chapter, we will have the opportunity to greet its new President, "Doc" Appleton, K4RR.

We are proud and pleased to report that K4RR, W4GB and W4WA have received their Golden Anniversary Awards. Congratulations.

To all of you who served with the Navy during WWII, it will be of special interest to know that an Amateur Radio station will soon be in operation from the Aircraft Carrier Yorktown. She is the former USS Yorktown, CV10, also known as "The Fighting Lady." She is now permanently berthed in Charleston, SC at Patriot's Point. A local radio club has undertaken the task of restoring the radio room, as near as possible, to its original condition. Plans are to operate 80 through 10 meters, hopefully 7 days a week.

It has been suggested that we put together a Chapter Scrapbook with each member submitting a picture of himself at his rig, if possible, and a short biography containing past calls, family, and whatever you think would be of interest.

Don't forget your own Palmetto State Chapter net on Saturdays, 1300 hours on 3930 kHz. Wish more of you could join us.

Robbie Robinson, K4JLM

NEW CHAPTER. A new chapter in the Piedmont area of North Carolina (or possibly the re-activation of the old Carolinas Chapter) is being promoted by Val Valentine, K4JO. A QCWA get-together is planned July 9 during the AWA Southern Area meeting.

For further information, contact

Ellicott "Val" Valentine, K4JO
Rt 1, Box 400
Pfafftown, N.C. 27040

RAZORBACK CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary John Hug, WSCFQ
Rt. 1, Box 2; Charleston, AR 72933

Next Meeting: May 2

On-the-air: Sundays at 1900 GMT on/or about 3900 kHz

Since we received our charter in September, we have added 12 more members to our roster. We have hopes of reaching the 50 member mark in time for our Spring meeting, planned for May 2. At that time we intend to close our charter membership.

Our Sunday afternoon QCWA net is doing pretty good, but we would like to see more people check in. It is at 1900 GMT on/or about 3900 kHz on every Sunday.



Here is a picture taken at our first official meeting at Harrison on November 15, 1975. The picture is somewhat jammed up, but doing our best from left to right, starting at the front:

W5SQQ, W5UAU, W5BED,
W5ENH, W5EEJ, W5SUS,
SB5INV, K5BP, W5TXA,
W00FC, W5SE, W5ZP,
W0HA, W5MYZ, W5FD,
W5KL

And here is our Board of Directors, proudly displaying the chapter charter. L to R:

W00FC, W5KL, W5UAU, W5ENH,
W5MYZ. Two Board members not present are WSCFQ and W5POH.

A second presentation of the Razorback Charter was made at the TEXOMA Hamarama QCWA breakfast. Hal Sears, W5NC made the presentation with WSCFQ and W5UAU accepting.

Sid Pokorny, W4UAU



RIO GRANDE VALLEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Martha Andersen, W5SBN
704 South Illinois; Weslaco, TX 78596

Rio Grande Valley Chapter recieved its charter on December 30, 1975 and became QCWA Chapter #89. Sixteen members signed the petition and, since that time, we have taken in several more members and added seven brand-new QCWA members.

Officers elected are:

President: W. H. Hinman, W8UX/5
Secretary: Martha Andersen, W5SBN

ROAD RUNNER CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary William D. Sperry, K5BVP
2716 Cardenas Drive, NE; Albuquerque, NM 87110

In just about three months, Road Runner Chapter progressed from a gleam in the eye of Einar Morterud, W5FPB, to a full fledged chapter with 17 enthusiastic members. Here's his report.

A charter meeting was held January 3, in conjunction with the monthly breakfast meeting of the Albuquerque Amateur Radio Club. Officers selected were:

President: Einar H. Morterud, W5FPB
Sec/Treas: William D. Sperry, K5BVP

The name Road Runner was selected as this is the New Mexico State bird.

During the meeting, formal presentation of Golden Anniversary Awards were made to Clifford C. Savage, W5UL; Reid H. Burrows, W5TGU; William Obrist, W5FT. K5ECO, E. W. Kersten filled out his application for the award. The Award of W5FT carried the 52 year sticker.

Fifteen QCWA members took part in the charter meeting. Two members who signed the Petition for Charter were unable to attend. The signature of W5PDY was included on the petition as his application for membership has been mailed and we wanted him to be a charter member due to his activity in behalf of Amateur Radio. The other Charter Members are: W5UL, W5RE, W5FT, W5YB, W8TQL/5, W5HQN, W5TWZ, W5FPB, W5RKS, K5ECO, W5UR, W5SWA, K5BVP, W5YSJ, W5YSK and W5TGU.

Einar Morterud, W5FPB

READING CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Robert Wagner, W3GII
1520 Haak Street; Reading, PA 19602
Next Meeting: In March. Picnic planned for July

We had a Christmas Dinner on December 5, with 28 in attendance. Everyone really enjoyed the family style dinner of ham and roast beef. Officers were elected for another year.

President: Elmer Franty, W3FQS
Vice Pres: Steward Ringler, W3EYN
Sec/Treas: Robert Wagner, W3GII

Our next meeting will be held in March, with a picnic planned for July.

We regret to report the loss of our fellow member Harold A. Stoudt, W3CJP. He passed away in August.

Robert Wagner, W3GII

Clarence Seid, W2KW/KV4AB showing some of the antiques at his museum at Middletown, New York. Clarence has expressed his intentions of willing this valuable collection to the Quarter Century Wireless Association.



SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Roy Maxson, W6DEY
221 Knoll Road; Vista, CA 92083

On-the-air: Each Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. local on 28.6 kHz

The first dinner meeting of the New Year was held on January 13. Mr. Thomas B. Rice, from the Cardio-Pulmonary Rehabilitation Institute presented an illustrated talk on "Exercise and Heart Disease." It is felt this program was most timely - as you will note from the news items concerning our members:

Bob Crain, K6CM, had a severe heart attack on November 18. His heart actually stopped enroute to the hospital in the police ambulance. Doctors reported that the prompt action of the police in administering heart massage probably saved his life, however, electric shock was required to get Bob's heart going again. He suffered no damage but was in critical condition for a few days. He returned home December 9 and, at last report, was doing okay.

Francis Lyon, W6UCD, has had his share of troubles, also. He went to the hospital with a recurrence of his heart problem. After a number of tests, he returned home December 7.

We welcome back George Mitchell, K6ZE, from his outstanding trip to the Borneo and P.I. area. George is Radio Electronics Officer on the oceanographic vessel R/V ALPHA HELIX of the Scripps fleet. We hope to see George at the next meeting.

San Diego Chapter took special pleasure in issuing two Golden Anniversary Awards. Gerald Estep, W6JRO is shown below, receiving his certificate from President Si Morrison, W6OSD. But the best part of this story appears on pages 10,11 "up front." Gerry's two brothers, Harold and Russ also were issued Golden Anniversary certificates at the same time. This makes 150 years of Amateur Radio in their family! Leland Fuller, W6ONM was also issued his 50 year award. W6DEY looks on.



Gerry Estep, W6JAO



Leland Fuller, W6ONM

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

For information: Contact Secretary Moe Joffe, W6PHE
7259 Willoughby Avenue; Los Angeles, CA 90046
On-the-air: Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 3917 kHz
11:00 a.m. - .3695 CW
Next Meeting: May 15

Our Spring Dinner-meeting is planned to take place on May 15 at a very unusual and picturesque place called "Yamashiro." In Japanese that means "Mountain Palace," and well it may be, since it is situated on a hillside and commands a spectacular view of Los Angeles. The gardens adjoining the dining room were used as part of the scenery in the filming of "Cyanara."

It will be a sit-down dinner arranged around a garden setting and will consist of a salad, prime rib of beef, dessert and tea, coffee, or milk. A bar in an adjoining room will aid in the reorientation of your attitude for the evening and will be open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner scheduled to be served at 7:30 p.m. An unusual entertainment has been arranged.

A recent communication from Bert Ayres, W6CL, advises that the SoCal Chapter, in conjunction with the OOTC and the 10-10 International, set up shop at SAROC. Archie Willis, W6LPJ, Bob Holly, W6DRV, and Bert Ayres, W6CL held down the fort. Besides collecting dues and selling the Alpha-by-Name Directories, they signed up several new QCWA members. On Saturday, a joint QCWA/OOTC luncheon was held with about 60 in attendance. Not only did our Harry Gartsman, W6ATC, pick up the tab for the QCWA Hospitality Room at SAROC, but a note from John Trent, KL7DG, attests to the fact that Harry provided the new Northern Lights Chapter with their Banner in time for their first Chapter meeting.

One of the major prizes at SAROC was an ATLAS 215. It was won by Gladys Brattlans, WØMFW, wife of our member K6EA. The wives of this chapter seem to be setting a trend of winning goodies for their OHs. My "white-haired one" won an ATLAS for me at San Diego in 1974.

Also coming up is the 11th Annual Burbank Hamfest to be held at the Lockheed Employees Rec. Club on May 15 and 16. It promises to be a real dilly this year. Look us up at the QCWA/OOTC Booth.

Moe Joffe, W6PHE

On our Sunday Morning net, one of the boys was heard to say that his wife was complaining that since his retirement she has twice as much husband with but half as much pay.

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CHAPTER

For information: Contact W.E. Kinney, W4GJ
98 N.E. 52nd Street; Miami, FL33137

Southeast Florida Chapter hosted a QCWA luncheon at the Tropical Hamboree on January 24. There were about 50 people present and a good time was had by all.

A 60th Anniversary Award was issued to Nat Burnett, K40L, and was presented by National Treasurer Mark Devaney, K4IDC. The meeting was followed by comments by Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM and Frank Frimerman, W2FZ. Also present were George Sterling, WIAE, Dave Talley, W2PF, and a host of well known QCWA members.

Walt Kinney, W4GJ

ONE DAY AT A TIME

By Tom Gentry, W5RG

There are two days in each week about which we should not worry. Two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension. One of these days is Yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the World cannot bring back Yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we preformed; We cannot erase a single word said. Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is Tomorrow. Its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promises and poor performances. Tomorrow is beyond our control. Tomorrow's sun will rise whether in splendor or behind a mask of clouds. But it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in Tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day - Today. Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is when you add the burdens of two awful eternities - Yesterday and Tomorrow - that we break down. It is not necessarily the experiences of Today that disturbs one peace of mind. It is often times the remorse or bitterness for something which happened Yesterday and the dread of what Tomorrow may bring.

Let us, therefore, live one day at a time.

SYDNEY AUSTRALIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Pierce Healy, VK2APQ
69 Taylor Street; Bankstown, 2000NSW, Australia
Meetings: Monthly

We were very pleased to meet Stan Belliveau, W7AYO, at Eric Bierre's home, while he was in Sydney. We had a very pleasant visit. (See the pictures under Northwest Chapter column.)

Our QCWA Christmas Dinner was held on 9 December. Forty members and their wives were in attendance. Sydney Chapter was represented during the QCWA QSO Party, but contacts were few and far between.

In the last issue of the News, we briefly reported the passing of our good member Morrie Meyers, VK2VN. Morrie was first licensed in the early thirties. He followed the Amateur Code and Spirit to the letter and did much to ensure that the Amateur Service was well respected in the general community. He was active in most contests and was a top runner in the WIA DXCC open section, with well over 300 countries. His skill as a gifted CW operator was acknowledged by his election to the Fine Operators Club and the AI Operators Club. He was a past-president of the NSW Division and past-member of the Federal Executive. He served the WIA over a period of 30 years.

For 25 years he was a member of the Radio sub-committee of the NSW Bush Fire Council. His intense interest in communications led to a highly successful career with Qantas, where, as Communications and Electronics Manager, he was to work in a significant and complex field at a time of major expansion. Through this activity he served on many Advisory Boards at International level. From his regular overseas trips, he made numerous friends in professional and Amateur circles throughout the World and continued the communications link.

Above the sorrow of their loss, his widow Gwen and daughters Elizabeth and Rosemary find many happy memories abound for them. His cherry voice and warmth of friendship and comradeship will be greatly missed - no less his intelligent interests and the constructive contributions to Amateur activities at all levels that were made by this unique Silent Key.



(The above paraphrased from tribute written by Maurice Brown, VK2OR.)
Harry Caldecott, VK2DA

SUWANEE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Larry Garland, W4LIN
PO Box 638; Inverness, FL 32650

Thirty-four members and wives attended our Christmas Luncheon in Jacksonville, Florida, on December 13. Since our President, W4WWH was hospitalized, the meeting was presided over by W4BRZ. In addition to the exchange of gifts by the QMs and the ladies, a bit of song and a "story time" made our meeting a gala affair.

Much interest was shown in the formation of a new Chapter in the Northeast area centered around Jacksonville since some of our members travel nearly 150 miles to take in our luncheon. W4SZ and W4BRZ hosted a formation meeting in mid January and we are pleased to see that Gateway Chapter is now in being.

The February luncheon meeting was held in Gainesville on February 28. Many of the "Snowbirds" made their last appearance before heading back North.

Larry Garland, W4LIN

TREASURE COAST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Jerome Dewalt, W3BL/4
PO Box 3088 Beach Station; Vero Beach, FL 32960
Next Meeting: 20 March in conjunction with Treasure Coast
Bicentennial Hamfest

There will be a joint QCWA and OOTC Luncheon at the Riomar Bay Yacht Club on Saturday, March 20, in conjunction with the Treasure Coast Bicentennial Hamfest being conducted in Vero Beach at the Community Center.

It will be necessary to have advance registrations and advance payment for the luncheon. It is expected that we will have at least 100 in attendance. Of course the YLs and YFs are invited.

Officers of Treasure Coast Chapter are:

Chairman: Isaac Roach, K4QH

Sec./Treas: Jerome Dewalt, W3BL/4

We are hoping for increased activity in the chapter - in spite of some "erosion" in our membership due to the formation of two new chapters to the South of us and another one to the North. You will be hearing more from us about that later on. In the mean time, we will look forward to seeing you March 20.

Jerome Dewalt, W3BL/4

TENNESSEE VALLEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Larry Fralick, W4RQS
802 Noland Blvd, N.; Madison, AL 35758

Next Meeting: April 17

The Tennessee Valley Chapter held its third meeting on 22 November 1975, at the Hickory House Restaurant near Athens, AL. The luncheon meeting was attended by 34 members and guests. Constitution and By-laws for the chapter were approved and officers were elected for two year terms.

President: "Bull" Durham, W4HHU

Vice Pres: Marshall Kingery, K4ER

Secretary: Larry Fralick, W4RQS

Deputy Sec: Willis Howard, W4M10

Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of good fellowship, an excellent dinner and an interesting discussion and display of antique radio gear - courtesy K4RSB, et al. The highlight of the meeting was the exceptionally good old-time fellowship among Amateurs - and the wives, too.

We regret to advise of the passing of Bill Neal, W4FZD, #10,046. Bill was a Charter Member of the Tennessee Valley Chapter.

Interest in our new chapter remains very high and we hope to have our 50th member soon. The next meeting will be 17 April, 1:00 p.m. at Hickory House Restaurant on US Highway 72 near Athens, AL.

Shown in the photo below are some of the members who attended the November meeting. Front row, L to R: W4SAJ, K4DP, W4RQS, W4HHU, W4LHR, W41JC, K4YUP, W40BV. Second row: K4MG, W4M10, K4KM, K4ER, W4FOK, K4GUU, W4QDT, W40R, W4HW, K4YF.

Larry Fralick, W4RQS



UPPER MIDWEST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Carl Hvambal, WØLV
5447 Chicago Avenue. South; Minneapolis 55417

The January 15 meeting brought out 45 members and guests. Spero Spiro, W9GW, RCA Technical Sales Representative, discussed and displayed the latest technology in micro processors. This was a particularly interesting subject since all of our lives will soon be touched by these electronic devices.

Golden Anniversary Awards have been issued to Richard Hunt, KØMG, and Emmett Burke, WØFB. They are shown in the picture below with Upper Midwest's Senior Active Member - 92 year young George Lovering, KØQQ.



WØMG

KØQQ

WØFB

A Golden Anniversary award was also presented to Charles Webster, WØIK, at the October meeting (sorry, no picture) and a 50 year Member ARRL Plaque was presented to Bob Aldrich, WØJVM.



Our April meeting will be the election of officers and a display and demonstration of the "New and the Old" of Amateur Radio.

Roy S. Hordos, WØVSA

A new chapter is being proposed in the Nashville area. Bob Wessell, K4PR, is spearheading the organization. Get in touch with him if you would like to help.

TULSA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Bill Wickett, W5DXJ
615 So. 107 East Avenue; Tulsa, OK 74128
Meetings: Quarterly

The Tulsa Chapter of QCWA had a dinner meeting for members and their wives on February 2 (Ground Hog Day). The program was a presentation by a nationally known scuba diving instructor and underwater photographer, Jerry Jones. A movie and slides of an expedition to Grand Cayman Island was shown and Mr. Jones gave many bits of information pertaining to the arts of scuba diving and underwater photography. A wonderful program.

An election was held with the following results:
Chairman: Robert Freeland, W5BAR
Secretary: Bill Wickett, W5DXJ

Meetings are held four times a year and always are attended by members and their wives. We always invite any Oldtimers to attend whether or not they belong to QCWA. Bring a guest to the next meeting.

Bert Gunn, W5FU

WEST BRANCH CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Joe Smertneck, W3KDK
2515 West 4th Street; Williamsport, PA 17701

Here is the picture we didn't have room for last issue. Ron Petts, W3TNK is presented his Golden Anniversary Award. W3JXQ, E.D. Leibensperger does the honors.



WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Elizabeth Zandonini, W3CDQ
4627 47th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016
Meetings: Quarterly
Next Meeting: Annual Old Timers Dinner - March 13

At the January 30 meeting the incumbent officers were re-elected for the 1976 season. These are

President: Don Mc Clenon, W3IN
Vice Pres: Chuck Dorian, W3JPT
Sec/Treas: Elizabeth Zandonini, W3CDQ

We figured mighty close on the QCWA Luncheon at Reston. The net profit was \$1.04!

Our meeting program was devoted to each member recalling a few interesting, humorous, or nostalgic events of over a quarter century ago. Many of these were, indeed, fascinating and the meeting may have set a new record for lateness of closing.

Arrangements were announced for the 20th Annual Old Timers Dinner to be held at the Washingtonian Hotel, Gaithersburg, Md. on March 13. Cocktails and social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is at 7:30. Dr. John Clark, W3GYH, Director of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center will give his popular presentation "The Sky Above and the Earth Beneath." All members of the family will enjoy it. As always, guests are welcome.

Dinner reservations should be sent to Sam Newman, W3HN
2921 Terrace Drive; Chevy Chase, Md. 20015
Telephone (301) 588-9688

There is considerable interest throughout the country in restructuring QCWA so it has a wider Director representation. Art Miligan, W8KW, is chairman of a Restructuring Committee which will make recommendations to the Board of Directors. Give him any thoughts you have on this subject.

We will be looking for you at the Old Timers' Dinner.

Don Mc Clenon, W3IN

WANTED: A copy of the Candler System of CW Operation. I am most willing to pay premium price for the outright acquisition of the instruction manual. I will be willing to settle for a Xeroxed copy. Joseph H. Seung, Public Works Dept, MCB Camp S.D. Butler, FPO, Seattle 98773.

QCWA MEMBERSHIP

Applicants for QCWA membership must have held an Amateur Radio license at least 25 years ago and must, at the time of applying, hold a valid Amateur license. Proof of eligibility must be shown. Headquarters has a library of old call books which will provide proof in most cases.

An Entry Fee of \$3 is charged for initial membership. Dues in the amount of \$10 for three years are payable in advance with the application. Life membership may be obtained for \$50 plus Entry Fee. Time payment on Life membership is also available: Three payments within 1 year - \$25, \$15, \$10.

CHAPTERS

QCWA Chapters may be formed, upon approval of the Board of Directors, by petition of at least 10 QCWA members in good standing living in the same geographical area.

CERTIFICATES

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES, numbered in chronological order, are issued to each new member. Blue certificates and membership cards are issued to regular members; Gold certificates and membership cards are issued to Life Members. Stickers are available to update new calls, etc. Replacement certificates may be obtained for 50¢.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY certificates are issued, upon request and proof of eligibility, to those who have completed 50 years in Amateur Radio. Decals are issued for each additional 2 years. Replacement of Golden Anniversary certificate costs \$1.00.

60th ANNIVERSARY certificates are issued to those who have completed 60 years in Amateur Radio.

QCWA WORKED ALL STATES certificates are issued to QCWA members who submit proof of working QCWA members in all 50 states of the U.S.

WORKED 100 QCWA. An Operating Award is issued to QCWA members who submit proof of working 100 QCWA members

WORKED 60 QCWA CHAPTERS certificates are issued for contacting members of 60 different QCWA Chapters. Proof must be submitted.

QCWA QSO PARTY. A Bronze plaque is rotated to the winner of each annual QCWA QSO Party. The winner of three consecutive QSO Parties is entitled to keep the plaque permanently. Certificates are also issued to the top three chapters with highest aggregate scores in the annual QCWA QSO Party.

QCWA SUPPLIES

The following supplies may be purchased for QCWA members.

QCWA Alpha-by-Name Directory	\$3.00
QCWA Lapel Pin - Gold plated, with call engraved.....	\$3.00
Clutch pin, pin clasp or screw button styles	
QCWA 50-year lapel pin. (Clutch pin style only).....	\$4.00
QCWA 60-year lapel pin. (Clutch pin style only).....	\$4.00
Blazer Emblem. 4" embroidered patch with QCWA Logo.....	\$3.00
500 Red QCWA Stamps - for Regular Members.....	\$1.75
500 Yellow stamps - for Life Members	\$1.75
500 Red stamps imprinted "50 Years in Amateur Radio." ...	\$2.00
QCWA Auto Decal (4 inch).....	.25
Chapter Banners * 2½ x 4 foot Storm King Cotton	\$30.00
((\$60 cost shared by Headquarters.)	
* Free to Chapters having 50 or more members.	

QCWA supplies may be ordered as gifts for QCWA members who meet appropriate qualifications.

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